

Bill to Establish Towing and Recovery Commission Filed

NCTA's advocacy played a key role in the filing of NC House Bill 577 this morning.

This legislation establishes a Towing and Recovery Commission composed of industry stakeholders and grants it the following powers:

- **Fee Oversight**: Determining the reasonableness of fees charged by towing services participating in the State Highway Patrol rotation system.
- **Disqualification Authority**: Removing towing services from the State Highway Patrol rotation system when necessary.

Beyond creating the commission, the bill also introduces several key provisions, including:

- Requiring towing companies to provide hourly rates.
- Prohibiting the booting of commercial trucks.
- Mandating the release of cargo while a dispute is ongoing.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the bill's primary sponsors—Representatives McNeely, Branson, and Jeffers—for their commitment to improving the welfare of North Carolina's tow operators and truck drivers.